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The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May 1957 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007.

Meeting place: Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI

Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August

Meeting time: 7:30 p.m., doors are open at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Dues: Adults \$10.00; Families \$15.00; Students under 18 \$2.00

Board meetings: First Thursday, except July and August; 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

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ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 19, 2014

PROGRAM: Show Work Bee & Silent Auction

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials M - Z Please Bring Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on June 19, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos, 2175 Hamilton Street.**

Calendar for Summer 2014 and later

June 19, 2014 - membership meeting

June 21, 2014 - Work Bee at Laylins, see Show item below

Summer off!!!

July 19, starting at 9:30 AM, - Show work Bee and picnic at Laylin's, see Show item below

September 4, 2014 - 7 p.m., board meeting, Okemos Library

September 18, 2014 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting

Silent Auction Program

We will have a silent auction in conjunction with the Show Work Bee at the June membership meeting. Please bring rocks, minerals or rock related items for the auction. Discarded books from the library will also be offered at the auction. Rather than a set time for the auction the auction will begin at the beginning of the Work Bee and end when the Work Bee is over. Everyone come and enjoy the evening.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Let Sue Casler know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.

July/August - Summer vacation!

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER
Diane Baclawski - Laingsburg**

TRANSITIONS

George Olds

On A Sad Note

On April 30, we lost a long time, wonderful member of CML&MS, George Olds, at the age of 94. He was an athlete and his legendary 1936 Ishpeming High School football team went undefeated and unscored upon. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in

chemistry. He enjoyed a long retirement from the Board of Water and Light in Lansing. He was a founding member of Christ United Methodist Church, lifetime member of CMLMS, talented sculptor/artist, published poet and inventor with patented lab equipment. He will be sorely missed by our club and anyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

Outreach Committee: Always in need of volunteers to help with school science fairs, talks and presentations at schools and other organizations, and educational opportunities. Contact committee chair Mary Gowans to lend a hand. gowans@msu.edu or 517-351-6135.

UPCOMING SCIENCE FAIRS/EDUCATIONAL OUTINGS

Reminder to the membership: CMLMS is a service organization. Please consider if you can give an hour or two to helping out with the educational projects and/or the annual show in the fall.

July 31, 2014 - Ingham County Fair at the Fairgrounds, a fossil “dig” for children, 1 ½ hours. Volunteers are needed to help the children. Donations of fossils would also be happily accepted. Call Roger Laylin at 517-349-3249 or email at l.r.laylin@gmail.com to volunteer or to donate.

Message from the Outreach Chair:

Mary Gowans, Outreach Chair, would like to thank all members who attended the science fairs who invited us to their fairs.

The science fair season is over for this school year. Special thank you's to Dave Berkquist, Bonnie Eckhart, Theresa Hubbard, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Dan Sine, Roni Sionakides, and Janet Sjoquist for attending one or more science fairs. Also this year, Nate Krupp and Dave Berkquist presented a program for a Cub Scout troop to help the boys receive the Geology Badge.

These programs are well attended, and the members are able to interact with a large number of students. This year, we attended fairs at Bennett Woods Elementary, Laingsburg Elementary School and Fairview Elementary. We were also invited to Cole Academy's fair, but it was held in the afternoon, and we were not able to attend. Maybe another year.

CLUB NEWS

Field Trips! In planning: Charlotte, Paulding Creek, and others. See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or daniel.sine@opm.gov. Dan would like to set up an email list of all who plan to go on the field trips. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

June 28, 2014 - 9-1, Pendleton Quarry, 5002 SR (State Road) 67, Anderson, Indiana, Exit #222 off Interstate 69. Honey Calcite, fossils. **Must be age 18 or older. HARD HAT/SAFETY RULES.** Contact Dan to let him know if you are going. He will need a head count for the quarry.

HARD HAT/SAFETY RULES: You must wear a hard hat, safety shoes, vest, eye protectors.

Minimum age for a quarry is 12. No children under 12 will be allowed at the quarries (their rule). Trips to other collecting sites may have no minimum, or maximum, age requirement. Safety rules in the **Field Trip Guide** are posted at the society website. They should be reviewed, printed out and **taken to every field trip**. Also, insurance coverage for the field trips by the Federation is very limited. It provides only for damage that members might do on-site. There is no personal injury coverage; no coverage underground. Coverage is only for members, so our policy is that field trips are only for members. Members should review this insurance information on our website. Let Dan know of any other locations and contact information that you may know about and would like to visit. Dan does a fabulous job getting these field trips lined up for club members so please take a moment to thank him personally for all his work.

**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check www.amfed.org/mwf
or our website www.michrocks.org**

**FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—www.foundmichigan.org
Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and Craig's List.**

Upcoming shows

July 9 - 13, 2014: AFMS Convention, Tulsa, OK.

August 6-10, 2014: *Walking with Dinosaurs* show at the Palace of Auburn Hills, contact 248-377-0172 for more information

August 8 - 10, 2014: Copper Country Gem and Mineral Show, Houghton at the Houghton Elementary School.

October 18 & 19, 2014: MWF Convention, in conjunction with the 59th Annual Des Moines (Iowa) Lapidary Society's Gem, Mineral and Fossil show, at the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center, Iowa State Fairgrounds.

FALL SHOW NEWS

from Roger Laylin

WORK BEES FOR THE FALL SHOW

There will be a work session at the June meeting. IN ADDITION, there will be **two** work days at the Laylin's Barn

At the June Meeting we will prepare egg cartons for the Specimen Kits and work on exit gifts for the October Show along with the small membership silent auction.

On Saturday, June 21, help is needed to sort the donations from Neil's Estate, box specimens and make order out of the mess in the Barn so we can put together Specimen Kits next time. Meet at 1770 Sandhill at 9:30 AM, we will work till order is restored. If enough hands come the work should not take more than half a day.

On Saturday, July 19, starting at 9:30 AM, we will make Specimen Kits, Exit Gifts, Petoskey kits or what ever else needs to be done. The mineral kits are very popular at the October Show, and usually sell out at the Show. Bring a dish to pass for a **picnic** lunch about noon, Ice tea and lemonade will be provided. If other drink desired, you bring. Work will continue after lunch if necessary.

Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to come as - ALL HANDS ARE NEEDED! COME AND HELP!! - and get to know your fellow club members.

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, May 15, 2014

Banquet - no minutes.

CMLMS, Board Meeting, May 29, 2014 (June meeting)

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Ernie Augenbaugh, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Nate Krupp, Lee Laylin, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Jan Sjoquist, Dan Sine, Roni Sionakides.

Board Members Absent: Elaine Beane, Theresa Hubbard, Alan Hukill, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Kristin Wood.

Guests: None

President: Elaine Angstman called the June Board meeting to order at 7:12pm at the Okemos Library. She thanked all who helped to make the Annual Banquet such a success. This was the most attended banquet in recent years. Elaine suggested Patty Rice, The Amber Lady, as a possible speaker for next year. Another suggestion was to have Danita Brandt from Michigan State University for the program for next year.

President Angstman shared these correspondences:

1. Thank you letter from AFMS Scholarship Foundation for CMLMS \$1,000 memorial donation.
2. MWF (Midwest Federation) invitation to Annual Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa , October 17 through October 19, 2014. If you are interested in being a delegate, please contact Elaine.
3. *Walking with Dinosaurs* show at the Palace of Auburn Hills from August 6-10, 2014. Fliers are available.

Elaine will be having a complicated back surgery on June 2, and she may not be available for a while for CMLMS business or activities.

Vice President: Sue Casler announced the agenda for the June 19 meeting at the Okemos Masonic Hall will include a silent auction along with a work bee for preparing egg cartons for the fall show. The silent auction will include books gleaned from the library. Members can bring rock related items for the silent auction. Sales money from the books will go to CMLMS; private items money goes to the owner. June meeting will conclude the programs; off for the summer.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist: Roni Sionakides submitted the minutes from the May Board meeting for inclusion in the May newsletter. The May Membership Meeting was the banquet and no minutes were submitted.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard, absent, no report.

Treasurer: Kris Wood was absent, but provided report via email. It was reviewed, with a question about the banquet payment.

Directors: Milt Gere (1 yr.), Lyle Laylin (2 yr.): -no reports. Nate Krupp (3 yr.): Presented a workshop for more than 80 Scouts for the Geologist Pin or the Geology Belt Loop in Mason. He will be preparing a kit to use at such events and may need some specimens. Nate will let us know what specimen contributions he will need.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh: No report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill: absent, no report.

Past President: Elaine Beane, absent, no report.

Membership: Elaine Angstman presented an application for membership from Diane Baclauski. Mary Gowans made a **motion to accept Diane Baclauski into membership**, the motion received a second by Roger Laylin, a vote was taken and passed. Welcome Diane!

Field Trips: Dan Sine does not have dates for the upcoming field trips as yet.

Outreach: Mary Gowans: Thank you to all of those who participated in outreach events. She received a thank you note from Fairview School, along with some photographs. There are no more programs for the summer.

Education: Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin, absent, no report

Publications: Roni Sionakides: Newsletter deadline will be Monday, June 9, 2014. This will be the last newsletter until fall.

Club Display: Jan Sjoquist: The Memorial cases were on display at the Kalamazoo show, with Carol Idalski helping to set up and Doug Sjoquist helping to tear down.

Library: Lee Laylin. Library is closed for the summer. There will be books available for sale at the June 19 silent auction.

Finance: Gordon Lewis: MSU has granted permission for CMLMS to make our scholarship check out directly to our winner, rather than to MSU as it had done previously.

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin: Nothing to report; make sure email addresses are correct.

Show: Roger Laylin: Work bee at the June 19 meeting to prepare egg cartons. Volunteer labor is needed to stack boxes and sort donations at the Laylin barn. Help whenever you can. Official work bees will be scheduled later.

Old Business: President Elaine Angstman sent a thank you to Karen Brzys, "The Agate Lady." Many comments were made about the successful, fun banquet. The Kalamazoo Club had three members in attendance.

New Business: None

Adjournment: Mary Gowans made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lee Laylin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

HAPPY SUMMER!

GOOD HUNTING!